

Dear Representative Miller,

My husband and I strongly oppose this proposal because it breaks the confidentiality of people who receive mental health services in the public sector.

As written, it would allow access to psychiatric records of individuals served in state facilities 50 years after their death without their consent.

Families would have no say in whether or not their families psychiatric history could be made public.

People treated in the private sector have their records protected forever, thus making this proposal a discriminatory practice toward people served in the public sector.

We urge you to remove Section 2 (c) of this bill to protect the privacy of sensitive health care records belonging to individuals served by the state. OR, alternatively, we urge you to protect people's privacy regarding their healthcare records by redacting individuals' names (and other identifying information) before making data publicly available.

Thank you for taking appropriate action in this matter.

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